GENERAL CONDITIONS

FOR

ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION

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1.00. **DEFINITIONS.**

The Owner, the Contractor and the Engineer, are those mentioned as such in the Agreement. They are treated throughout the Contract Documents as if each were of the singular number and masculine gender. Wherever used in these General Conditions or in the other Contract Documents, the following terms have the meanings indicated which are applicable to both the singular and plural thereof:

- **1.01. ADDENDA.** Written or graphic instruments issued prior to the execution of the Agreement which modify or interpret the Contract Documents, by additions, deletions, clarifications, or corrections. Addenda will become part of the Contract Documents when the Agreement is executed.
- **1.02. AGREEMENT.** The contractual agreement between the Contractor and the Owner.
- **1.03. APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT.** The form used by Contractor in requesting payments, including accompanying documentation required by the Contract Documents.
- **1.04. BID.** The offer or proposal of the Bidder submitted on the prescribed form setting forth the prices for the Work to be performed.
- **1.05. BIDDER.** Any person, firm, or corporation submitting a Bid for the Work.
- **1.06. BOARD.** The City of Bloomington Board of Public Works.
- **1.07. BONDS.** Bid, performance, and payment bonds and other instruments of security, furnished by the Contractor and his surety in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- **1.08. CHANGE ORDER.** A written order to the Contractor signed by the Owner authorizing an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work, or an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time issued after execution of the Agreement.
- 1.09. CONTRACT. The Contract Documents form the Contract for Construction. The Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. The Contract may be amended or modified only by a Modification. The Contract Documents shall not be construed to create a

- contractual relationship of any kind (1) between the Engineer and the Contractor, (2) between the Owner and a Subcontractor or Subsubcontractor, or (3) between any persons or entities other than the Owner and Contractor.
- 1.10. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The Agreement, Addenda (whether issued prior to the opening of Bids or the execution of the Agreement), Change Orders issued by the Owner or Engineer, Invitation to Bid, Instructions to Bidders, Proposal, Non-Collusion Affidavit, Questionnaire, Contractor's Bid, the Bonds, Employment Requirements and Wage Rates, Notification Procedures, General Equipment Stipulations, the Notice of Award, the Notice to Proceed, these General Conditions, the Special Conditions, the Specifications, Drawings, and Modifications.
- **1.11. CONTRACT PRICE.** The total amount payable to the Contractor under the Contract Documents.
- **1.12. CONTRACT TIME.** The number of days stated in the Agreement for the completion of the Work, computed as provided in these General Conditions; or the date set forth in the Agreement.
- **1.13. CONTRACTOR.** The person, firm, or corporation with whom the Owner has executed the Agreement and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number. The term "Contractor" means the Contractor or the Contractor's authorized representative. The relationship of the Contractor to the Owner shall be that of an independent contractor.
- **1.14. DAY.** A calendar day of twenty-four hours measured from midnight to the next midnight.
- **1.15. DATE OF CONTRACT.** The date written in the first paragraph of the Contract Agreement.
- **1.16. DRAWINGS OR PLANS.** The graphic and pictorial portions of the Contract Documents, wherever located or whenever issued, showing the design, location and dimensions of the Work, generally including plans, elevations, sections, details, schedules and diagrams.
- **1.17. ENGINEER.** The City Engineer, person, firm, or corporation named by the Owner "the City of Bloomington", or the duly authorized agents of the Engineer, acting within the scope of the duties entrusted to them.
- **1.18. FIELD ORDER.** A written order issued by the Engineer which clarifies or interprets the Contract Documents or orders minor changes in the Work.
- **1.19. MODIFICATION.** (a) A written amendment of the Contract Documents signed by both parties. (b) A Change Order. (c) A written clarification or interpretation issued by the Engineer. (d) A written order for a minor change or alteration in the Work issued by the Engineer. A Modification may be issued only after execution of the Agreement.
- **1.20. NOTICE OF AWARD.** The Written notice by the Owner to the apparent successful Bidder stating that upon compliance with the conditions precedent to be fulfilled by him within the time specified, the Owner will execute and deliver the Agreement to him.
- **1.21. NOTICE TO PROCEED.** A written notice given to the Contractor by the Owner (with a copy to the Engineer) fixing the date on which the Contract Time will commence to run and on which the Contractor shall start to perform his obligations under the Contract Documents.
- **1.22. OWNER.** The City of Bloomington, named and designated in the Agreement as "Owner" acting through its Board of Public Works and its authorized agents. All notices, letters, and other communication directed to the Owner shall be addressed and delivered to the Office of the City Engineer, 401 North Morton, Bloomington, Indiana, 47401.
- **1.23. PROJECT.** The total construction of which the Work performed under the Contract Documents may be the whole or a part, and which may include construction by the Owner or by separate contractors.
- **1.24. QUOTE.** The offer or proposal of the Quoter submitted on the prescribed form setting forth the prices for the Work to be performed.
- **1.25. QUOTER** Any person, firm, or corporation submitting a Quote for the Work.
- **1.26. RESPONSIBLE Bidder.** One who is fully capable of performing the contract requirements and who has the integrity and reliability to insure faithful performance.
- **1.27. RESPONSIVE Bidder.** One who has submitted a bid conforming in all material respects to the Contract Documents.

- **1.28. SHOP DRAWINGS.** All drawings, diagrams, illustrations, brochures, schedules and other data which are prepared by the Contractor, a Subcontractor, manufacturer, supplier or distributor and which illustrate the equipment, material or some portion of the Work.
- **1.29. SPECIFICATIONS.** Those portions of the Contract Documents consisting of written technical descriptions of materials, equipment, construction systems, standards and workmanship as applied to the Work, and performance of related services.
- **1.30. SUBCONTRACTOR.** An individual, firm, or corporation having a direct contact with the Contractor or with any other Subcontractor for the performance of a part of the Work to a special design at the site, but does not include a firm which merely furnishes material.
- **1.31. SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION.** The date as determined by the Engineer when the construction of the Project or a specified part thereof is sufficiently completed, in accordance with the Contract Documents, so that the Project or specified part can be utilized for the purposes for which it was intended; or if there be no such determination, the date of final completion.
- **1.32. WORK.** Any and all obligations, duties, and responsibilities necessary to the successful completion of the Project assigned to, or undertaken by, the Contractor under the Contract Documents, including all labor, materials, equipment, and other incidentals, and the furnishing thereof.

1.33. MISCELLANEOUS DEFINITIONS

- **1.33.1. AS ORDERED, AS DIRECTED, AS REQUIRED, AS PERMITTED, AS ALLOWED.** The order, directions, requirement, permission, or allowance of the Owner or Engineer is intended only to the extent of judging compliance with the Contract Documents. The terms do not imply that the Owner or Engineer has any authority or responsibility for supervision of the Contractor's forces or construction operations. Such supervision is the sole responsibility of the Contractor.
- **1.33.2. REASONABLE, SUITABLE, ACCEPTABLE, PROPER, SATISFACTORY.** The terms reasonable, suitable, acceptable, proper, and satisfactory mean such to the Owner or Engineer and are intended only to the extent of judging compliance with the Contract Documents.
- **1.33.3. UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED.** Whenever in these Contract Documents the expression "it is understood and agreed" or an expression of like import is used, such expression means the mutual understanding and agreement of the parties executing the Contract Agreement.

2.00. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT.

- **2.01. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT.** The Agreement and other Contract Documents will be executed as set forth in the Special Conditions.
- **2.02. DELIVERY OF BONDS.** When he delivers the executed Agreements to the Owner, the Contractor shall also deliver to the Owner such Bonds as he may be required to furnish in accordance with the Agreement.
- **2.03. COPIES OF DOCUMENTS.** The Owner shall furnish to the Contractor the number of copies of the Contract Documents set forth in the Special Conditions.
- 2.04. CONTRACTOR'S PRE-AWARD REPRESENTATIONS. The Contractor represents that he has familiarized himself with, and assumes full responsibility for having familiarized himself with, the nature and extent of the Contract Documents, Work, locality, and with all local conditions and federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that may in any manner affect performance of the Work, and represents that he has correlated his study, observations and site visits with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Contractor also represents that he has studied all surveys and investigation reports of subsurface and latent physical conditions referred to in the Specifications and made such additional surveys and investigations as he deems necessary for the performance of the Work at the Contract Price in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and that he has correlated the results of all such data with the requirements of the Contract Documents.
- **2.05. COMMENCEMENT OF CONTRACT TIME; NOTICE TO PROCEED.** Unless otherwise provided in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS, the Contractor will be expected to start active and continuous work on the

contract within 15 calendar days after the date of the Notice to Proceed. In **no case** shall work begin prior to the date of the Notice to Proceed.

If a delayed starting date is indicated in the proposal, the 15 calendar day limitation shall be waived. Work day charges will then begin on a date mutually agreed upon, but not later than the delayed starting date specified. In the event that any contract is canceled after an award has been made but prior to the issuing of the Notice to Proceed, no reimbursement will be made for any expenses accrued relative to this contract during that period.

- 2.06. STARTING THE PROJECT. The Engineer shall be notified at least 3 days in advance of the date on which the work is expected to begin. Should the prosecution of the work for any reason be discontinued, the Engineer shall be notified at least 24 hours in advance of resuming operations. During the progress of the work, the Engineer shall be notified at least 24 hours in advance of undertaking construction operations.
- **2.07. BEFORE STARTING CONSTRUCTION.** Before undertaking each part of the Work, the Contractor shall carefully study and compare the Contract Documents and check and verify pertinent figures shown thereon and all applicable field measurements. He shall at once report in writing to the Engineer any conflict, error, or discrepancy which he may discover. However, he shall not be liable to the Owner or Engineer for his failure to discover any conflict, error, or discrepancy in the Drawings or Specifications.
- **2.08. SUBMISSION OF SCHEDULES.** Within ten days after delivery of the executed Agreement by the Owner to the Contractor, the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer for review, an estimated progress schedule indicating the starting and completion dates of the various stages of the Work, and a preliminary schedule of Shop Drawing submissions and other specified schedules.

Contracts with less than 60 calendar days completion time, less than 35 work days, or less than 60 days between the notice to proceed and the completion date do not need to submit a progress schedule.

The progress schedule may be used as a basis for establishing major construction operations and as a check on the progress of the work. The Engineer shall be notified at least 3 days in advance of the date on which the work is expected to begin.

Sufficient materials, equipment, labor shall be provided by the Contractor to meet the progress schedule (if required) and to guarantee the completion of the project in accordance with the plans and specifications.

3.00. CORRELATION, INTERPRETATION, AND INTENT OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

It is the intent of the Specifications and Drawings to describe a complete Project to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents. The Contract Documents comprise the entire Agreement between the Owner and the Contractor. They may be altered only by a Modification.

The Contract Documents are complementary. What is called for by one is as binding as if called for by all. If the Contractor finds a conflict, error, or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, he shall call it to the Engineer's attention in writing at once. Before proceeding with the Work affected thereby, he shall not be liable to the Owner or Engineer for his failure to discover any conflict, error or discrepancy in the Specifications or Drawings. Any Work that may reasonably be inferred from the Specifications or Drawings as being required to produce the intended result shall be supplied whether or not it is specifically called for. Work, materials or equipment described in words which so applied have a well-known technical or trade meaning shall be deemed to refer to such recognized standards.

In case of discrepancy, calculated dimensions will govern over scaled dimensions; plans will govern over specifications; special conditions will govern over the plans and specifications. The instructions to bidders and the description of the pay items listed in the itemized proposal will govern over plans, specifications, and special conditions. The precedence outlined herein shall not absolve the Contractor of his responsibility with regard to errors and omissions, or from his requirement to follow all IOSHA, OSHA, any local safety ordinances, and general good construction practices.

Advantage shall not be taken of any apparent error or omission in the plans or specifications. In the event such an error or omission is discovered, the Engineer shall be notified immediately in writing. Such corrections and interpretations as may be deemed necessary for fulfilling the intent of the plans and specifications will then be made.

4.00. AVAILABILITY OF LANDS; PHYSICAL CONDITIONS; REFERENCE POINTS.

- **4.01. AVAILABILITY OF LANDS.** The Owner shall furnish, as indicated in the Contract Documents and not later than the Notice to Proceed, the lands upon which the Work is to be done, rights-of-way for access thereto, and such other lands which are designated for use by the Contractor. Easements for permanent structures or permanent changes in existing facilities will be obtained and paid for by Owner, unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents. If the Contractor believes that any delay in the Owner's furnishing these lands or easements entitles him to an extension of the Contract Time, he may make a claim therefor as provided in these General Conditions
- **4.02. PHYSICAL CONDITIONS; SURVEYS AND REPORTS.** Refer to **Instructions to Bidders**. For identification of those surveys and investigation reports of subsurface and latent physical conditions at the Project site or otherwise affecting performance of the Work which have been relied upon by the Engineer in preparation of the Drawings and Specifications, refer to **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**.
- **4.03. UNFORESEEN PHYSICAL CONDITIONS.** The Contractor shall promptly notify the Owner and Engineer in writing of any subsurface or latent physical conditions at the site differing materially from those indicated in the Contract Documents. The Engineer will promptly investigate those conditions and advise the Owner in writing if further surveys or subsurface tests are necessary. Promptly thereafter, the Owner shall obtain the necessary additional surveys and tests and furnish copies to the Engineer and Contractor. If the Engineer finds that the results of such surveys or tests indicate that there are subsurface or latent physical conditions which differ materially from those intended in the Contract Documents, and which could not reasonably have been anticipated by the Contractor, a Change Order shall be issued incorporating the necessary revisions.
- **4.04. REFERENCE POINTS.** The Owner shall provide engineering surveys for construction to establish reference points which in his judgment are necessary to enable the Contractor to proceed with the Work. The Contractor shall be responsible for surveying and laying out the Work (unless otherwise provided in the Special Conditions), and shall protect and preserve the established reference points and shall make no changes or reallocations without the prior written approval of the Owner. He shall report to the Engineer whenever any reference point is lost or destroyed or requires relocation because of necessary changes in grades or locations. The Contractor shall replace and accurately relocate all reference points so lost, destroyed or moved.

5.00. BONDS AND INSURANCE.

- 5.01. PERFORMANCE, PAYMENT AND OTHER BONDS. The Contractor shall furnish a Performance Bond, Payment Bond, and other Bonds specified in AGREEMENT as security for the faithful performance and payment of all his obligations under the Contract Documents. The Performance Bond shall be in an amount at least equal to 100% of the Contract Price, unless otherwise listed in SPECIAL CONDITIONS. Bonds shall be executed on the forms (when provided) included in the Contract Documents and with such sureties as are licensed to conduct business in the state of Indiana and are named in the current list of "Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds" as published in Circular 570 (amended) by the Audit Staff Bureau of Accounts, U.S. Treasury Department. The surety shall have an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial rating strength of five times the Contract Price, all as stated in "Best's Key Rating Guide, Property-Liability". Each Bond shall be accompanied by a "Power of Attorney" authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the Bond.
- **5.02. TERMINATION OF SURETY.** If the surety on any Bond furnished by the Contractor is declared a bankrupt or becomes insolvent or its right to do business is terminated or revoked in any state where any part of the Project is located, the Contractor shall within five days thereafter substitute another Bond and surety, both of which shall be acceptable to the Owner.
- 5.03. CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE. The Contractor shall purchase and maintain such insurance as will protect him from claims under worker's compensation laws, disability benefit laws, or similar employee benefit laws, from claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of his employees, and claims insured by personal injury liability coverage; from claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease, or death of any person other than his employees including claims insured by personal injury liability coverage; and from claims for injury to or destruction of tangible property, including loss of use resulting therefrom - any or all of which may arise out of or result from the Contractor's operations under the Contract Documents, whether such operations be by himself or by any Subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be legally liable. This insurance shall include the specific coverage's and be written for not less than any limits of liability and maximum deductibles specified in the Supplementary Conditions or required by law, whichever is greater, shall include contractual liability insurance and shall include the Owner and Engineer as additional insured parties. Before starting the Work, the Contractor shall file with the Owner and Engineer certificates of such insurance, acceptable to the Owner; these certificates shall contain a provision that the coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled or materially changed until at least fifteen days prior written notice has been given to the Owner and Engineer.

6.00. CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

- **6.01. SUPERVISION AND SUPERINTENDENCE.** The Contractor shall supervise and direct the Work efficiently and with his best skill and attention. He shall be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures of construction, but he shall not be solely responsible for the negligence of others in the design or selection of a specific means, method, technique, sequence or procedure of construction which is indicated in and required by the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall be responsible to see that the finished Work complies accurately with the Contract Documents.
- **6.02. RESIDENT SUPERINTENDENT.** The Contractor shall keep on the Work at all times during its progress a competent resident superintendent, who shall not be replaced without written notice to the Owner and Engineer except under extraordinary circumstances. The superintendent will be the Contractor's representative at the site and shall have authority to act on behalf of the Contractor. All communications given to the superintendent shall be as binding as if given to the Contractor.
- **6.03. LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT.** The Contractor shall furnish all materials, equipment, labor, transportation, construction equipment and machinery, tools, appliances, fuel, power, light, heat,

telephone, water and sanitary facilities, and all other facilities and incidentals necessary for the execution, testing, initial operation, and completion of the Work.

All materials and equipment shall be new, except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. If required by the Engineer, the Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment.

All materials and equipment shall be applied, installed, connected, erected, used, cleaned and conditioned in accordance with the instructions of the applicable manufacturer, fabricator or processors, except as otherwise provided in the contract Documents.

The Contractor shall be fully responsible for all acts and omissions of his Subcontractors and of persons and organizations directly or indirectly employed by them, and of persons and organizations for whose acts any of them may be liable to the same extent that he is responsible for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by him. Nothing in the Contract Documents shall create any contractual relationship between the Owner or Engineer and any Subcontractor or other person or organization having a direct contact with the Contractor, nor shall it create any obligation on the part of the Owner or Engineer to pay or to see to the payment of any monies due any Subcontractor or any other person or organization, except as may otherwise be required by law. The Owner or Engineer may furnish to any Subcontractor or other person or organization, to the extent practicable, evidence of amounts paid to the Contractor on account of specific Work done in accordance with the schedule of values.

The divisions and sections of the Specifications and the identification of any Drawings shall not control the Contractor in dividing the Work among Subcontractors or delineating the Work to be performed by any specific trade.

The Contractor agrees to bind specifically every Subcontractor to the specific terms and conditions of the Contract Documents for the benefit of the Owner.

All Work performed for the Contractor by a Subcontractor shall be pursuant to an appropriate agreement between the Contractor and the Subcontractor which shall contain provisions that waive all rights the contracting parties may have against one another for damages caused by fire or other perils covered by insurance, except such rights as they may have to the proceeds of such insurance. The Contractor shall pay each Subcontractor a just share of any insurance monies received by the Contractor.

- **6.04. PATENT FEES AND ROYALTIES.** The Contractor shall pay all license fees and royalties and assume all costs incident to the use in the performance in the Work of any invention, design, process, product or device which is the subject of patent rights or copyrights held by others. If a particular invention, design, process, product or device is specified in the Contract Documents for use in the performance of the Work and if to the actual knowledge of the Owner or Engineer its use is subject to patent rights or copyrights calling for the payment of any license fee or royalty to others, the existence of such rights shall be disclosed by the Owner in the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner and Engineer and anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses (including attorneys' fees) arising out of any infringement of patent rights or copyrights incident to the use in the performance of the Work or resulting from the incorporation in the Work of any invention, design, process, product or device not specified in the Contract Documents, and shall defend all such claims in connection with any alleged infringement of such rights.
- **6.05. PERMITS.** The Contractor shall obtain and pay for all construction permits and licenses and shall pay all governmental charges and inspection fees necessary for the prosecution of the Work, which are applicable at the time of his Bid. The Owner shall assist the Contractor, when necessary, in obtaining such permits and licenses. The Contractor shall also pay all public utility charges.
- **6.06. LAWS AND REGULATIONS.** The Contractor shall give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations applicable to the Work. If the Contractor observes that the Specifications or Drawings are in conflict therewith, he shall give the Engineer prompt written notice thereof, and any necessary changes shall be adjusted by an appropriate Modification. If the Contractor performs any Work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, and without such notice to the Engineer, he shall bear all costs arising therefrom; however, it shall not be

- his primary responsibility to make certain that the Specifications and Drawings are in accordance with such laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.
- **6.07. TAXES.** The Contractor shall pay all sales, consumer, use and other similar taxes required to be paid by him in accordance with the law of the place where the work is to be performed.
- **6.08. USE OF PREMISES.** The Contractor shall confine his equipment, the storage of materials and equipment and the operations of his workmen to areas permitted by law, ordinances, permits, or the requirements of the Contract Documents, and shall not unreasonably encumber the premises with materials or equipment.
 - The Contractor shall not load nor permit any part of any structure to be loaded with weights that will endanger the structure, nor shall he subject any part of the Work to stresses or pressures that will endanger it.
- **6.09. RECORD DRAWINGS.** The Contractor shall keep one record copy of all Specifications, Drawings, Addenda, Modifications, and Shop Drawings at the site in good order and annotated to show all changes made during the construction process. These shall be available to the Engineer and shall be delivered to him for the Owner upon completion of the Project.
- **6.10. SAFETY AND PROTECTION.** The Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. He shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury, or loss to:
 - 1) all employees on the Work and other persons who may be affected thereby.
 - 2) all the Work and all materials or equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the site, and
 - other property at the site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures and utilities not designated for removal, relocation, or replacement in the course of construction.
 - 4) The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of any public body having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or property or to protect them from damage, injury or loss. He shall notify owners of adjacent utilities when prosecution of the Work may affect them. All damage, injury or loss to any property caused directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by the Contractor, any Subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, shall be remedied by the Contractor: except damage or loss attributable to the fault of Drawings or Specifications or to the acts or omissions of the Owner or Engineer or anyone employed by either of them or anyone for whose acts either of them may be liable, and not attributable, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to the fault or negligence of the Contractor. The Contractor's duties and responsibilities for the safety and protection of the Work shall continue until such time as all the Work is completed and the Engineer has issued a notice to the Owner and Contractor in accordance with Supplementary Conditions that the Work is acceptable.
- **6.11. SUPERINTENDENT OF SAFETY.** The Contractor shall designate a responsible member of his organization at the site whose duty shall be the prevention of accidents. This person shall be the Contractor's superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by the Contractor to the Owner.
- **6.12. EMERGENCIES.** In emergencies affecting the safety of persons or the Work or property at the site or adjacent thereto, the Contractor, without special instruction or authorization from the Engineer or Owner, is obligated to act, at his discretion, to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. He shall give the Engineer prompt written notice of any significant changes in the Work or deviations from the Contract Documents caused thereby, and a Change Order shall thereupon be issued covering the changes and deviations involved. If the Contractor believes that additional work done by him in an emergency which arose from causes beyond his control entitles him to an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, he may make a claim therefor.
- **6.13. INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner and Engineer and their agents and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses including

attorneys' fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the Work, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense:

- 1) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself) including the loss of use resulting therefrom and
- 2) is caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the Contractor, any Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder.

In any and all claims against the Owner or Engineer or any of their agents or employees by any employee of the Contractor, any Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or any Subcontractor under workmen's compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

The indemnification obligations of the Contractor shall not extend to the liability of the Engineer, his agents or employees arising out of:

- 1) the preparation of maps, drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, Change Orders, designs, or specifications or
- 2) the giving of or the failure to give directions or instructions by the Engineer, his agents or employees, provided such giving or failure to give is the primary cause of injury or damage.

7.00. WORK BY OTHERS.

The Owner may perform additional work related to the Project by himself, or he may let other direct contracts therefor which shall contain General Conditions similar to these. The Contractor shall afford the other contractors who are parties to such direct contracts (or the Owner, if he is performing the additional work himself) reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of materials and equipment and the execution of work, and shall properly connect and coordinate his Work with theirs.

If any part of the Contractor's Work depends for proper execution or results upon the work of any such other contractor (or Owner), the Contractor shall inspect and promptly report to the Engineer in writing any defects or deficiencies in such work that render it unsuitable for such proper execution and results. His failure to so report shall constitute an acceptance of the other work as fit and proper for the relationship of his Work except as to defects and deficiencies which may appear in the other work after the execution of his Work.

The Contractor shall do all cutting, fitting, and patching of his Work that may be required to make its several parts come together properly and fit it to receive or be received by such other work. The Contractor shall not endanger any work of others by cutting, excavating, or otherwise altering their work and will only cut or alter their work with the written consent of the Engineer and of the other contractors whose work will be affected.

If the performance of additional work by other contractors or the Owner is not noted in the Contract Documents prior to the execution of the contract, written notice thereof shall be given to the Contractor prior to starting any additional work. If the Contractor believes that the performance of any such additional work by the Owner or others involves him in additional expense or entitles him to an extension of the Contract Time, he may make a claim therefor.

8.00. OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Owner shall issue all communications to the Contractor through the Engineer.

In case of termination of the employment of the Engineer, the Owner shall appoint an engineer against whom the Contractor makes no reasonable objection, whose status under the Contract Documents shall be that of the former Engineer. Any dispute in connection with such an appointment shall be subject to arbitration.

The Owner shall furnish the data required of him under the Contract Documents promptly and shall make payments to the Contractor promptly after they are due.

In addition to his rights to request changes in the Work, the Owner shall be obligated to execute Change Orders.

9.00. Engineer's Status During Construction.

- **9.01. OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.** The Engineer will be the Owner's representative during the construction period. The duties and responsibilities and the limitations of authority of the Engineer as the Owner's representative during construction are set forth in these General Conditions and shall not be extended without the written consent of the Owner and the Engineer.
- **9.02. CLARIFICATIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS.** The Engineer will issue with reasonable promptness such written clarifications or interpretations of the Contract Documents (in the form of Drawings or otherwise) as he may determine necessary, which shall be consistent with or reasonably inferable from the overall intent of the Contract Documents. If the Contractor believes that a written clarification and interpretation entitles him to an increase in the Contract Price, he may make a claim therefor.
- 9.03. REJECTING DEFECTIVE WORK. The Engineer will have authority to reject Work which is "defective" (which term is hereinafter used to describe Work that is unsatisfactory, faulty or defective, or does not conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents or does not meet the requirements of any inspection, test or approval referred to in the Specifications, or has been damaged prior to the Engineer's recommendation of final payment). He will also have authority to require special inspection or special testing of the Work whether or not the Work is fabricated, installed or completed.
- 9.04. DECISIONS ON DISAGREEMENTS. The Engineer will be the interpreter of the requirements of the Contract Documents and the judge of the performance thereunder. In his capacity as interpreter and judge he will exercise his best efforts to insure faithful performance by both Owner and Contractor. He will not show partiality to either and will not be liable for the result of any interpretation or decision rendered in good faith. Claims, disputes, and other matters relating to the execution and progress of the Work or the interpretation of or performance under the Contract Documents shall be referred to the Engineer for decision, which he will render in writing within a reasonable time.
- 9.05. ARBITRATION. Either the Owner or the Contractor may demand arbitration with respect to any such claim, dispute, or other matter that has been referred to the Engineer, except any which have been waived by the making or acceptance of final payment, such arbitration to be in accordance with these General Conditions. However, no demand for arbitration of any such claim, dispute, or other matter shall be made until the earlier of (a) the date on which the Engineer has rendered his decision or (b) the tenth day after the parties have presented their evidence to the Engineer if he has not rendered his written decision before that date. No demand for arbitration shall be made later than thirty days after the date on which the Engineer rendered his written decision in respect to the claim, dispute or other matter as to which arbitration is sought; and the failure to demand arbitration within said thirty days' period shall result in the Engineer's decision being final and binding upon the Owner and the Contractor. If the Engineer renders a decision after arbitration proceedings have been initiated, such decision may be entered as evidence but shall not supersede the arbitration proceedings, except where the decision is acceptable to the parties concerned.
- **9.06. LIMITATIONS ON THE ENGINEER'S RESPONSIBILITIES.** Neither the Engineer's authority to act under this article or elsewhere in the Contract Documents nor any decision made by him in good faith either to exercise or not exercise such authority shall give rise to any duty or responsibility of the Engineer to the Contractor, any Subcontractor, any material, man, fabricator, supplier or any of their agents or employees or any other person performing any of the Work.

The Engineer will not be responsible for the Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, and he will not be responsible for the Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

The Engineer will not be responsible for the acts or omissions of the Contractor, or any Subcontractors, or any of his or their agents or employees or any other persons at the site or otherwise performing any of the Work.

10.00. CHANGES IN THE WORK.

Without invalidating the Agreement, the Owner may, at any time or from time to time, order additions, deletions or revisions in the Work; these will be authorized by Change Orders. Upon receipt of a Change Order, the Contractor shall proceed with the Work involved. All such Work shall be executed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents. If any Change Order causes an increase or decrease in the Contract Price or an extension or shortening of the Contract Time, an equitable adjustment will be made as provided in these General Conditions on the basis of a claim made by either party.

The Engineer may authorize minor changes or alterations in the Work not involving extra cost and not inconsistent with the overall intent of the Contract Documents. These may be accomplished by a Field Order. If the Contractor believes that any minor change or alteration authorized by the Engineer entitles him to an increase in the Contract Price, he may make a claim therefor.

Additional work performed by the Contractor without authorization of a Change Order will not entitle him to an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, except as otherwise provided herein.

The Owner shall execute appropriate Change Orders prepared by the Engineer covering changes in the Work to be performed as provided herein and any other claim of the Contractor for a change in the Contract Time or the Contract Price which is confirmed by the Engineer.

It is the Contractor's responsibility to notify his Surety of any changes affecting the general scope of the Work or change in the Contract Price and the amount of the applicable Bonds shall be adjusted accordingly.

11.00. Change of Contract Price.

The Contract Price constitutes the total compensation payable to the Contractor for performing the Work. All duties, responsibilities and obligations assigned to or undertaken by the Contractor shall be at his expense without change in the Contract Price.

The Contract Price may only be changed by a Change Order. Any claim for an increase in the Contract Price shall be based on written notice delivered to the Owner and Engineer within fifteen days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim. Notice of the amount of the claim with supporting data shall be delivered within forty-five days of such occurrence unless the Engineer allows an additional period of time to ascertain accurate cost data. All claims for adjustments in the Contract Price shall be determined by the Engineer if the Owner and the Contractor cannot otherwise agree on the amount involved. Any change in the Contract Price resulting from any such claim shall be incorporated in a Change Order.

The value of any Work covered by a Change Order or of any claim for an increase or decrease in the Contract Price shall be determined in one of the following ways:

- 1) Where the Work involved is covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents, by application of unit prices to the quantities of the items involved.
- 2) By mutual acceptance of a lump sum.
- 3) On the basis of the Cost of the Work plus a Contractor's Fee for overhead and profit (determined in accordance with the following paragraphs).
- **11.01. COST OF THE WORK.** The term "Cost of the Work" means the sum of all costs necessarily incurred and paid by the Contractor in the proper performance of the Work. Except as otherwise may be agreed to in writing by the Owner, such costs shall be in amounts no higher than those prevailing in the locality of the Project, and shall include only the following items:

- 1) Payroll costs for employees in the direct employ of the Contractor in the performance of the Work under schedules of job classifications set forth in the Wage Scale Determination. Payroll costs for employees not employed full time on the Work shall be apportioned on the basis of their time spent on the Work. Payroll costs shall include, but not be limited to, salaries and wages plus the cost of fringe benefits which shall include social security contributions, unemployment, excise and payroll taxes, worker's compensation, health and retirement benefits, bonuses, sick leave, vacation and holiday pay applicable thereto. Such employees shall include superintendents and foremen at the site. The expenses of performing Work after regular working hours, on Sunday or legal holidays shall be included in the above to the extent authorized by the Owner.
- 2) The cost of all materials and equipment furnished and incorporated in the Work, including costs of transportation and storage thereof, and manufacturers' field services required in connection therewith. All cash discounts shall accrue to the Contractor unless the Owner deposits funds with the Contractor with which to make payments, in which case the cash discounts shall accrue to the Owner. All trade discounts, rebates and refunds, and all returns from sale of surplus materials and equipment shall accrue to the Owner, and the Contractor shall make provisions so that they may be obtained.
- 3) Payments made by the Contractor to the Subcontractors for Work performed by the Subcontractors. If required by the Owner, the Contractor shall obtain competitive bids from Subcontractors acceptable to him and shall deliver such bids to the Owner, who will then determine with the advice of the Engineer which bids will be accepted. If a subcontract provides that the Subcontractor is to be paid on the basis of Cost of the Work Plus a Fee, the Subcontractor's Cost of the Work shall be determined in the same manner as the Contractor's Cost of the Work. All subcontracts shall be subject to the other provisions of the Contract Documents insofar as applicable.
- 4) Costs of special consultants (including, but not limited to, engineers, architects, testing laboratories, surveyors, lawyers and accountants) employed for services specifically related to the Work.

11.02. SUPPLEMENTAL COSTS include the following:

- 1) The proportion of necessary transportation, traveling and subsistence expenses of the Contractor's employees incurred in discharge of duties connected with the Work.
- 2) The cost, including transportation and maintenance, of all materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, appliances, office and temporary facilities at the site and hand tools not owned by the workmen, which are consumed in the performance of the Work, and cost less market value of such items used but not consumed which remain the property of the Contractor.
- 3) Rentals of all construction equipment and machinery and the parts thereof whether rented from the Contractor or others in accordance with the rental agreements approved by the Owner with the advice of the Engineer, and the costs of transportation, loading, unloading, installation, dismantling and removal thereof all in accordance with the terms of said rental agreements. The rental of any such equipment, machinery or parts shall cease when the use thereof is no longer necessary for the Work.
- 4) Sales, use or similar taxes related to the Work, and for which the Contractor is liable, imposed by any governmental authority.
- 5) Deposits lost for causes other than the Contractor's negligence, royalty payments and fees for permits and licenses.
- 6) Losses, damages and expenses, not compensated by insurance or otherwise, sustained by the Contractor in connection with the execution of, and to, the Work, provided they have resulted from causes other than the negligence of the Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable. Such losses shall include settlements made with the written consent and approval of the Owner. No such losses, damages and expenses shall be included in the Cost of the Work for the purpose of determining the Contractor's fee. If, however, any such loss or damage requires reconstruction

- and the Contractor is placed in charge thereof, he shall be paid for his services a fee proportionate to that stated under Contractor's Fee.
- 7) The cost of utilities, fuel and sanitary facilities at the site.
- 8) Minor expenses such as telegrams, long distance phone calls, telephone service at the site, expressage and similar petty cash items in connection with the Work.
- The cost of premiums for additional bonds and insurance required because of changes in the Work.

11.03 The term "COST OF THE WORK" shall *not* include any of the following:

- 1) Payroll costs and other compensation of the Contractor's officers, executives, principals (of partnership and sole proprietorships), general managers, engineers, architects, estimators, lawyers, auditors, accountants, purchasing and contracting agents, expediters, timekeepers, clerks, and other personnel employed by the Contractor, whether at the site or in his principal or a branch office for general administration of the Work and not specifically included in the agreed upon schedule of job classifications all of which are to be considered administrative costs covered by the Contractor's Fee.
- 2) Expenses of the Contractor's principal and branch offices other than his office at the site.
- 3) Any part of the Contractor's capital expenses, including interest on the Contractor's capital employed for the Work and charges against the Contractor for delinquent payments.
- 4) Cost of premiums for all bonds and for all insurance policies whether or not the Contractor is required by the Contract Documents to purchase and maintain the same (except as otherwise provided above).
- 5) Costs due to the negligence of the Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable, including but not limited to the correction of defective Work, disposal of materials or equipment wrongly supplied and making good any damage to property.
- 6) Other overhead or general expense costs of any kind not specifically and expressly included in the Cost of the Work.
- **11.04. CONTRACTOR'S FEE.** The Contractor's Fee which includes his overhead and profit shall be determined as follows:
 - 1) A mutually acceptable fee; or , if none can be agreed upon,
 - 2) A fee based on the following percentages of the various portions of the Cost of the Work:
 - for payroll costs and the cost of all materials and equipment included in the Work, the Contractor's Profit shall be ten percent.
 - for payments to Subcontractors, the Contractor's Profit shall be five percent; and if a subcontract is on the basis of Cost of the Work Plus a Fee, the maximum allowable to the Subcontractor as a fee for overhead and profit shall be ten percent, and
 - no fee shall be payable on the basis of costs of special consultants or supplemental costs.
- **11.05. CREDIT.** The amount of credit to be allowed by the Contractor to the Owner for any such change which results in a net decrease in cost, will be the amount of the actual net decrease. When both additions and credits are involved in any one change, the combined overhead and profit shall be figured on the basis of the net increase, if any.

Whenever the cost of any Work is to be determined pursuant to preceding paragraphs, the Contractor will submit in form prescribed by the Engineer an itemized cost breakdown together with supporting data.

12.00. CHANGE OF CONTRACT TIME.

The Contract Time may only be changed by a Change Order. Any claim for an extension in the Contract Time shall be based on written notice delivered to the Owner and Engineer within fifteen

days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim. Notice of the extent of the claim with supporting data shall be delivered within forty-five days of such occurrence unless the Engineer allows an additional period of time to ascertain more accurate data. All claims for adjustment in the Contract Time shall be determined by the Engineer if the Owner and the Contractor cannot otherwise agree. Any change in the Contract Time resulting from any such claim shall be incorporated in a Change Order.

The Contract Time will be extended in an amount equal to time lost due to delays beyond the control of the Contractor if he makes a claim therefor as provided in the preceding paragraph. Such delays shall include, but not be restricted to, acts or neglect by any separate contractor employed by the Owner, fires, floods, labor disputes, epidemics, abnormal weather conditions, or acts of God.

All time limits stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the Agreement. The provisions made herein shall not exclude recovery for damages (including compensation for additional professional services) for delay by either party.

13.00. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.

Liquidated damages shall be paid to the Owner in accordance with the Special Conditions if specified therein. If no provision is made in the Special Conditions, liquidated damages shall be paid as follows:

In the event the Contractor fails to satisfactorily complete the entire Work contemplated and provided for under this contract on or before the date of completion as determined and described elsewhere herein, the Owner shall deduct from the amount due the Contractor the sum as indicated on the table below for each calendar day (Sundays and legal holidays excluded) of delay, which sum is agreed upon not as a penalty, but as a fixed and liquidated damage for each day of such delay, to be paid in full and subject to no deduction, it being understood and agreed that timely completion is of the essence. If the monies due the Contractor are less than the amount of such liquidated damages, then the Contractor or his surety shall pay the balance to the Owner.

SCHEDULE FOR LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR EACH DAY OF OVERRUN IN CONTRACT TIME

Original Contract Amount		Daily Charge	
From More Than	To and Including	Calendar Day or Fixed Date	Work Day
\$0	\$100,000.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
\$100,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$300.00	\$400.00
\$500,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$400.00	\$800.00
\$2,000,000.00	\$7,000,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
\$7,000,000.00		\$700.00	\$2,000.00

14.00. WARRANTY AND GUARANTEE: TESTS AND INSPECTIONS; CORRECTION, REMOVAL OR ACCEPTANCE OF DEFECTIVE WORK.

- **14.01. WARRANTY AND GUARANTEE.** The Contractor warrants and guarantees to the Owner and Engineer that all materials and equipment will be new unless otherwise specified and that all Work will be of good quality and free from faults or defects and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and of any inspections, tests or approvals referred to in the Tests and Inspection paragraph. All unsatisfactory Work, all faulty or defective Work, and all Work not conforming to the requirements of the Contract Documents at the time of acceptance thereof or of such inspections, tests or approvals, shall be considered defective. Prompt notice of all defects shall be given to the Contractor. All defective Work, whether or not in place, may be rejected, corrected, or accepted as provided herein.
- **14.02. TESTS AND INSPECTIONS.** If the Contract Documents, laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public authority having jurisdiction require any Work to specifically be inspected, tested, or approved by some public body, the Contractor shall assume full responsibility therefor, pay all costs in connection therewith and furnish the Engineer the required certificates of inspection, testing, or approval. All other inspections, tests, or approvals required by the Contract Documents shall be performed by organizations acceptable to the Owner and the Contractor and the costs thereof shall be borne by the Owner unless otherwise specified.

The Contractor shall give the Engineer timely notice of readiness of the Work for all inspections, tests or approvals. If any such Work required so to be inspected, tested or approved is covered without written concurrence of the Engineer, it must, if requested by the Engineer, be uncovered for observation, and such uncovering shall be at the Contractor's expense unless the Contractor has given the Engineer timely notice of his intention to cover such Work and the Engineer has not acted with reasonable promptness in response to such notice.

Neither observations by the Engineer nor inspections, tests or approvals by persons other than the Contractor shall relieve the Contractor from his obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

- **14.03.** ACCESS TO WORK. The Engineer and his representatives and other representatives of the Owner will at reasonable times have access to the Work. The Contractor shall provide proper and safe facilities for such access and observation of the Work and also for any inspection or testing thereof by others.
- **14.04. UNCOVERING WORK.** If any Work is covered contrary to the written request of the Engineer, it must, if requested by the Engineer, be uncovered for his observation and replaced at the Contractor's expense.

If any Work has been covered which the Engineer has not specifically requested to observe prior to its being covered, or if the Engineer considers it necessary or advisable that covered Work be inspected or tested by others, the Contractor, at the Engineer's request, shall uncover, expose or otherwise make available for observation, inspection or testing as the Engineer may require, that portion of the Work in question, furnishing all necessary labor, material and equipment. If it is found that such Work is defective, the Contractor shall bear all the expenses of such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection and testing and of satisfactory reconstruction, including compensation for additional professional services, and an appropriate deductive Change Order shall be issued. If, however, such Work is not found to be defective, the Contractor shall be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, directly attributable to such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection, testing and reconstruction if he makes a claim therefor.

14.05. OWNER MAY STOP THE WORK. If the Work is defective, or the Contractor fails to supply sufficient skilled workmen or suitable materials or equipment, or if the Contractor fails to make prompt payment to Subcontractors or for labor, materials or equipment, the Owner may order the Contractor to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, this right of the Owner to stop the Work shall not give rise to any duty on the part of the Owner to exercise this right for the benefit of the Contractor or any other party.

- 14.06. CORRECTION OR REMOVAL OF DEFECTIVE WORK. If required by the Engineer prior to his recommendation of final payment, the Contractor shall promptly, without cost to the Owner and as specified by the Engineer, either correct any defective Work, whether or not fabricated, installed or completed, or, if the Work has been rejected by the Engineer, remove it from the site and replace it with nondefective Work. If the Contractor does not correct such defective Work within a reasonable time, all as specified in a written notice from the Engineer, the Owner may have the deficiency corrected or the rejected Work removed and replaced. All direct or indirect costs of such correction or removal and replacement, including compensation for additional professional services, shall be paid by the Contractor, and an appropriate deductive Change Order shall be issued. The Contractor shall also bear the expenses of making good all Work of others destroyed or damaged by his correction, removal or replacement of his defective Work.
- **14.07. CORRECTION PERIOD.** If, after final payment and prior to the expiration of one year after the date of Substantial Completion (unless a longer period is set forth in the Supplementary Conditions) or such longer period as may be prescribed by law or by the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the Contract Documents, any Work is found to be defective, the Contractor shall promptly, without cost to the Owner and in accordance with the Owner's written instructions, either correct such defective Work or, if it has been rejected by the Owner, remove it from the site and replace it with nondefective Work. If the Contractor does not promptly comply with the terms of such instructions, the Owner may have the defective Work removed and replaced, and all direct and indirect costs of such removal and replacement, including compensation for additional professional services, shall be paid by the Contractor.
- **14.08. ACCEPTANCE OF DEFECTIVE WORK.** If, instead of requiring correction or removal and replacement of defective Work, the Owner (and, prior to final payment, the Engineer) prefers to accept it, he may do so. In such case, if acceptance occurs prior to final payment, a Change Order shall be issued incorporating the necessary revisions in the Contract Documents, including appropriate reduction in the Contract Price; or, if the acceptance occurs after final payment, an appropriate amount shall be paid by the Contractor to the Owner.
- **14.09. NEGLECTED WORK BY THE CONTRACTOR.** If the Contractor should fail to prosecute the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, including any requirements of the progress schedule, the Owner, after seven days written notice to the Contractor may, without prejudice to any other remedy he may have, make good such deficiencies and the cost thereof (including compensation for additional professional services) shall be charged against the Contractor if the Engineer agrees with such action, in which case a Change Order shall be issued incorporating the necessary revisions in the Contract Documents including an appropriate reduction in the Contract Price. If the payments then or thereafter due the Contractor are not sufficient to cover such amount, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the Owner.

15.00. PAYMENTS AND COMPLETION.

- **15.01. APPLICATION FOR PROGRESS PAYMENT.** The Contractor may, no more frequently than every two weeks, make an estimate of the value of the Work completed, and submit an Application for Payment. The estimated cost of repairing, replacing, or rebuilding any part of the Work or replacing materials which do not conform to the Contract Documents will be deducted from the estimated value. The Application for Payment shall be submitted to the Engineer for review and approval.
- **15.02. CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF TITLE.** The Contractor warrants and guarantees that title to all Work, materials and equipment covered by any Application for Payment, whether incorporated in the Project or not, will pass to the Owner at the time of payment free and clear of all liens, claims, security interests and encumbrances (hereafter in these General Conditions referred to as "Liens").
- **15.03. RE VIEW OF APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT.** The Contractor shall furnish to the Engineer such detailed information as he may request to aid in the review and approval of such Estimates. The Engineer will, within five working days after receipt of each Application for Payment, either recommend payment and present the Application to the Owner, or return the Application to the Contractor indicating in writing his reasons for refusing to recommend payment. In the latter case, the Contractor may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the Application. The Owner will pay to

the Contractor within forty-five days after receipt of Application. Retainage shall be withheld from each payment in the amount of 10% of each Application up to 50% completion. At 50% completion further payments shall be made in full to the contractor and no further amounts may be retained unless the Engineer certifies that the job is not proceeding satisfactorily, but amounts previously retained shall not be paid to the Contractor. At 50% completion or any time thereafter when the progress of the Work is not satisfactory, additional amounts may be retained, but in no event shall the total retainage be more than 10% of the value of the work completed. Upon substantial completion of the work, any amount retained may be paid to the Contractor. When the work has been substantially completed except for the work which cannot be completed due to weather conditions, lack of materials or other reasons which in the judgment of the Owner are valid reasons for noncompletion, the Owner may make additional payments, retaining at all times an amount sufficient to cover the estimated cost of the work still to be completed. Such Applications for Payment are processed on a regular biweekly schedule, which will be provided to the Contractor.

- **15.04. FINAL INSPECTION.** When the Work has been substantially completed and at a time mutually agreeable to the Owner, Engineer, and Contractor, the Engineer and Contractor shall make a final walk-through inspection of the Work. The Engineer shall report to the Owner his findings as to the acceptability and completeness of the Work.
- **15.05. APPLICATION FOR FINAL PAYMENT.** Upon written notice from the Engineer that Work is completed and acceptable as provided in the Supplementary Conditions, the Contractor shall make application for final payment following the procedure for progress payments. The final Application for Payment shall be accompanied by all other documentation called for in the Contract Documents and such other data and schedules as the Engineer may reasonably require.
- 15.06. FINAL PAYMENT. If, on the basis of his observation and review of the Work during construction, his final inspection and his review of the final Application for Payment, all as required by the Contract Documents, the Engineer is satisfied that the Work has been completed and the Contractor has fulfilled all of his obligations under the Contract Documents, he will, within ten days after receipt of the final Application for Payment, present the Application to the Owner for Payment. Thereupon the Engineer will give written notice to the Contractor that the Work is acceptable subject to the provisions of the paragraph regarding waiver of claims. Otherwise, he will return the Application to the Contractor, indicating in writing his reasons for refusing to recommend final payment, in which case the Contractor shall make the necessary corrections and resubmit the Application. The Owner shall, within thirty days of presentation to him of the final Application for Payment, pay the Contractor the entire sum found to be due after deducting all amounts to be retained under any provision of the Contract Documents.
- **15.07. CONTRACTOR'S CONTINUING OBLIGATION.** The Contractor's obligation to perform the Work and complete the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents shall be absolute. Neither recommendation of any progress or final payment by the Engineer, nor the issuance of a certificate of Substantial Completion, nor any payment by the Owner to the Contractor under the Contract Documents, nor any use or occupancy of the Project or any part thereof by the Owner, nor any act of acceptance by the Owner nor any failure to do so, nor any correction of defective Work by the Owner shall constitute an acceptance of Work not in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- **15.08. WAIVER OF CLAIMS.** The making and acceptance of final payment shall constitute:
 - a waiver of all claims by the Owner against the Contractor other than those arising from unsettled Liens, from defective Work appearing after final inspection or from failure to comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents or the terms of any special guarantees specified therein, and
 - 2) a waiver of all claims by the Contractor against the Owner other than those previously made in writing and still unsettled.

16.00. Suspension of Work and Termination.

16.01. OWNER MAY SUSPEND WORK. The Owner may, at any time and without cause, suspend the Work or any portion thereof for a period of ninety days by notice in writing to the Contractor, which

shall fix the date on which Work shall be resumed. The Contractor shall resume the Work on the date so fixed. The Contractor will be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, directly attributable to any suspension if he makes a claim therefor as provided in these General Conditions.

- OWNER MAY TERMINATE. If the Contractor is adjudged a bankrupt or insolvent, or if he makes a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors, or if a trustee or receiver is appointed for the Contractor or for any of his property, or if he files a petition to take advantage of any debtor's act, or to reorganize under the bankruptcy or similar laws, or if he repeatedly fails to supply sufficient skilled workmen or suitable materials or equipment, or if he repeatedly fails to make prompt payments to Subcontractors or for labor, materials or equipment or if he disregards laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public body having jurisdiction, or if he disregards the authority of the Engineer, or if he otherwise violates any provision of the Contract Documents, then the Owner may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy and after giving the Contractor and his Surety seven days written notice, terminate the services of the Contractor and take possession of the Project and of all materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the Contractor, and finish the Work by whatever method he may deem expedient. In such case the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the Work is finished. If the unpaid balance of the Contract Price exceeds the direct and indirect costs of completing the Project, including compensation for additional professional services, such excesses shall be paid to the Contractor. If such costs exceed the unpaid balance, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the Owner. Such costs incurred by the Owner shall be incorporated in a Change Order.
 - Where the Contractor's services have been so terminated by the Owner, said termination shall not
 affect any rights of the Owner against the Contractor then existing or which may thereafter accrue.
 Any retention or payment of monies by the Owner due the Contractor will not release the
 Contractor from liability.
 - 2) Upon seven days written notice to the Contractor, the Owner may, without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy, elect to abandon the Project and terminate the Agreement. In such case, the Contractor shall be paid for all Work executed and any expense sustained plus a reasonable profit.
- 16.03. CONTRACTOR MAY STOP WORK OR TERMINATE. If, through no act or fault of the Contractor, the Work is suspended for a period of more than ninety days by the Owner or under an order of court or other public authority, or the Engineer fails to act on any Application for Payment within thirty days after it is submitted, or the Owner fails to pay the Contractor any sum recommended by the Engineer or awarded by arbitrators within thirty days of its approval and presentation, then the Contractor may, upon seven days written notice to the Owner and Engineer, terminate the Agreement and recover from the Owner payment for all Work executed and any expense sustained plus a reasonable profit. In addition and in lieu of terminating the Agreement, if the Engineer has failed to act on an Application for Payment or the Owner has failed to make any payment as aforesaid, the Contractor may upon seven days notice to the Owner and Engineer stop the Work until he has been paid all amounts then due.

17.00. ARBITRATION.

Except as otherwise required by the Supplementary Conditions, all claims, disputes and other matters in question arising out of, or relating to, this Agreement or the breach thereof except for claims which have been waived by the making or acceptance of final payment, shall be decided by arbitration in accordance with the Construction Industry Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association then obtaining. This agreement so to arbitrate shall be specifically enforceable under the prevailing arbitration law. The award rendered by the arbitrators shall be final, and judgment may be entered upon it in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

Notice of the demand for arbitration shall be filed in writing with the other party to the Agreement and with the American Arbitration Association, and a copy shall be filed with the Engineer. The demand for arbitration shall be made within thirty days after the Engineer has rendered his decision where applicable, and in all other cases within a reasonable time after the claim, dispute, or other matter in question has arisen, and in no event shall it be made after institution of legal or equitable proceedings

based on such claim, dispute or other matter in question would be barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

The Contractor will carry on the Work and maintain the progress schedule during any arbitration proceedings, unless otherwise agreed by him and the Owner in writing.

18.00. Environmental Requirements.

The Contractor, when constructing a project involving trenching and/or other related earth excavation, shall comply with the following environmental constraints.

- **18.01. WETLANDS.** The Contractor, when disposing of excess, spoil, or other related earth construction materials on public or private property, shall not fill in or otherwise convert wetlands
- **18.02. FLOODPLAINS.** The Contractor, when disposing of excess, spoil, or other related earth construction materials on public or private property, shall not fill in or otherwise convert 100 year flood plain areas delineated on the latest FEMA Floodplain Maps.
- **18.03. HISTORIC PRESERVATION.** Any excavation by the Contractor that uncovers an historical or archaeological artifact shall be immediately reported to the City Engineer's Office. Construction shall be temporarily halted pending the notification process and further directions issued by the City after consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).
- **18.04. ENDANGERED SPECIES.** The Contractor shall comply with the Endangered Species Act, which provides for the protection of endangered and/or threatened species or their critical habitat be brought to the attention of the contractor, the contractor shall immediately report this evidence to the City Engineer. Construction shall be temporarily halted pending the notification process and further directions issued by the OWNER after consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

19.00. MISCELLANEOUS.

- **19.01. GIVING NOTICE.** Whenever any provision of the Contract Documents requires the giving of written notice it shall be deemed to be validly given if delivered in person to the individual or to a member of the firm or to an officer of the corporation for whom it is intended, or if delivered at or sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to the last business address known to him who gives the notice.
- **19.02. COMPUTATION OF TIME.** When any period of time is referred to in the Contract Documents by days (INDOT Section 101.07 & Section 101.64, along with any other applicable INDOT definition sections), it shall be computed to exclude the first and include the last day of such a period. If the last day of any such period falls on a Saturday or Sunday or on a day made a legal holiday by the law of the applicable jurisdiction, such a day shall be omitted from the computation.
- **19.03. ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.** Areas of work not covered under Special Conditions will be covered in applicable sections of Indiana Department of Transportation Specifications 1993 Edition.